

MINUTES OF THE JOINT EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

March 5, 2003 at 7:00 A. M.

Room 303, State Capitol Building

Members Present: Sen. Leonard Blackham, Committee Co-Chair
Rep. Ron Bigelow, Committee Co-Chair
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Mike Dmitrich
Sen. Karen Hale
Sen. Peter Knudson
Pres. Al Mansell
Sen. Michael Waddoups
Sen. John Valentine
Rep. Jeff Alexander
Rep. Greg Curtis
Rep. Brent Goodfellow
Rep. Patricia Jones
Rep. Brad King
Rep. Karen Morgan
Speaker Martin Stephens
Rep. Michael Styler

Sen. Bill Hickman, Vice-Chair
Rep. Rebecca Lockhart, Vice Chair

Members Absent: Sen. Ron Allen

Staff Present: John Massey, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Michael Kjar, Deputy Director
Sharon Johnson, Secretary

Others Present:

List of Others Present on File:

Committee Co-Chair Blackham called the meeting to order at 7:25 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Sen. Waddoups made a motion to approve the minutes of March 3, 2003. The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Davis, Hale, Mansell and Reps. Goodfellow and Jones absent for the vote.

2. Budget Actions

Sen. Blackham presented a spreadsheet listing the proposed items to be included in the

Supplemental Appropriations Act II with the funding sources and offsets. The handout presents a balanced budget and included intent language.

The committee discussed the appropriations. Rep. Alexander requested clarification regarding the Charter School Loan Program on Line 52. Speaker Stephens also asked about this program as to how it would be administered and managed. Rep. Bigelow responded that this is a request from the governor and loans money for capital improvements. The governor also requested the items on Line 11, Line 21, and Line 40. These four items balance each other out for a net zero effect. Speaker Stephens asked about the balance in the Nonlapsing Tax Commission Fund on Line 21 and whether it is one-time money going back in the fund.

Motion: Rep. Alexander moved that Lines 11, 40, 52 all be one-time items in the budget. The motion passed unanimously in both Houses with Sen. Hale absent for the vote.

Sen Davis asked about Line 40, a partial restoration of cuts to non-waiver services in Health and Human Services and wanted more specifics about waivers.

Motion: Rep. Bigelow moved to approve the following additional funding sources for purposes of balancing the FY 2003 and FY 2004 Budget:

Medicaid Restricted	\$135,700	one-time
LeRay McAllister Fund	\$428,000	
Risk Mngmt - Contributed Capital	\$202,400	one-time
River and Trail Grants	\$231,000	
Total	\$997,100	

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hale absent for the vote.

Motion: Rep. Bigelow moved to approve the list of items for inclusion in the Supplemental Act II dated March 5, 2003 and the intent language as attached to that list, including the changes made by Rep. Alexander's previous motion of one-time items.

Sen. Valentine commented on the intent language for the Attorney General regarding the Deep Creek litigation. Attorney General Mark Shurtleff responded to Sen. Valentine's concerns.

Amended motion: Sen. Valentine moved to amend the intent language for Executive Office and Criminal Justice:

Attorney General, #1, Line 1 after "upon" delete "agreement to a settlement" and insert "court order or acceptance of the tender".
The motion passed unanimously in both Houses.

Sen. Davis asked if this motion to the Supplemental Appropriations Act drains both the McAllister and Riverway accounts. The answer was yes, that it does.

Rep. Bigelow's motion passed in both Houses with Sen. Hale, and Reps. Alexandar, Curtis, and King voting no.

Motion: Sen. Dmitrich moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 7:40 a.m.

Minutes reported by Sharon S. Johnson, Secretary.

Sen. Leonard Blackham, Co-Chair

Rep. Ron Bigelow, Co-Chair

Handouts: